

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the first bulleted subparagraph in paragraph [0017] with the following:

- The extended length space frame **20** is angularly positioned along a preferred azimuth with respect to column by means of its thrusters **80**.

Please replace the first paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] In offshore areas characterized by large waves and where the water is very shallow, less than 20 metres, the tank **60** and/or the buoyant column **62** portion of the buoyancy system **40** may be flooded so that the weight of the free end of the space frame **20** may be supported by the seabed **102**.